

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 28-A: LIQUORS
Chapter 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

§4. BUSINESS DAYS AND HOURS

No liquor may be sold except as provided in this section. [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

1. Hours for sale of liquor. Except as provided in paragraphs A to D, licensees may sell or deliver liquor from 5 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. of the following day.

A. Licensees may not sell liquor on Sunday between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 a.m., except on March 17th, when a licensee may sell liquor beginning at 6 a.m. [2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §5 (AMD).]

B. Licensees may sell liquor on January 1st of any year from 12 midnight to 2 a.m.

(1) In areas in which liquor may be sold except on Sundays, if January 1st falls on a Monday, licensees may sell or deliver liquor between 9 p.m. Sunday, December 31st and 2 a.m. January 1st, notwithstanding any local option decisions to the contrary. [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

C. [1993, c. 266, §3 (RP).]

D. Wholesale licensees may sell or deliver liquor to licensed establishments from 4 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. the following day. [2001, c. 21, §1 (NEW).]

[2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §5 (AMD) .]

2. Consumption and possession of liquor. Except as provided in paragraphs A and B, licensees may not permit the consumption or possession of liquor on their premises after 1:15 a.m.

A. Licensees may permit the consumption of liquor on their premises until 2:15 a.m. on January 1st. [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

B. This subsection does not apply to consumption or possession by bona fide hotel guests in their rooms. [1993, c. 730, §14 (AMD).]

[1993, c. 730, §14 (AMD) .]

3. Regulation of bottle clubs. Except as provided in paragraph A, municipalities may regulate the hours of operation of bottle clubs between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.

A. Municipalities may regulate the hours of operation of bottle clubs between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on January 1st. [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

[1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW) .]

4. Local option decisions govern. Except as provided in subsection 1, paragraph B and section 353, nothing in this section may be construed to allow the sale of liquor in municipalities in violation of chapter 5.

[1991, c. 528, Pt. PP, §1 (AMD); 1991, c. 528, Pt. RRR, (AFF); 1991, c. 591, Pt. PP, §1 (AMD) .]

5. Illegal sales and purchases on Sunday. The following acts are prohibited.

A. No person, except a law enforcement officer in performance of his duties, may purchase liquor on Sunday during the hours in which subsection 1 prohibits sales. [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW) .]

B. No licensee or licensee's employee or agent may sell liquor on Sunday during the hours in which subsection 1 prohibits sales, nor in any manner aid or assist in violating the law relating to Sunday sale of liquor. [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW) .]

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6. Penalty. Any person who violates subsection 5 commits a Class E crime.

[1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW) .]

7. License or right to sell on Sunday suspended or revoked.

[1987, c. 342, §14 (RP) .]

8. License suspended during appeal of conviction.

[1987, c. 342, §14 (RP) .]

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